Increase in the prices of edible oils

241. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

SHRi V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state-.

(a) what had been the average prices of edible oils during the last three years; yearwise and oil wise;

(a) whether any steps have been taken to bring down the price of edible oils; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) the average wholesale prices of edible oils at important centres during the last three oil years (Nov.—Oct.), yearwise and oilwise are as under:

(Rs./Quintal)

Oil	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
Groundnut (Bombay)	2256	2109	2691
Mustaid (Karpur)	2088	1643	2098
Sesame (Bombay)	2009	1893	2443
Cottonseed (Bombay)	1960	1854	2324
Soyabean (Delhi)	1866	1761	2238

4 b) and (c) Among other measures taken to check the prices are:

(i) Excise rebate allowed on usage of minor/non-traditional oils.

(ii) The stock limits of edible oils (including hydrogenated vegetable oils) with wholesalers and retailers have been reduced.

(iii) The stock limits of edible oils and vanaspati with the producers have been halved.

(iv) The State Governments have been advised to undertake dehoarding operations on regular basis to enforce the reduced stack limits;

(v) To improve the availability and acceptability of edible oils, blending of one conventional edible oil with one refined non.coven-tional oil (e.g. soyabean, cottonseed, safflower oils) has been permitted.

(vi) The permision to use upto 20 per cent expeller mustard/RS oil in the manufacture of vanaspati has been withdrawn, to ease the price pressure on mustard oil.

Adverse **effect on Tourism in Kashmir Valley due to Terrorism**

242. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(b) whether it is a fact that tourist flow to the Kashmir Valley has been badly affected by the Terrorism in the State;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Kashmiri inhabitants who were dependent on Tourist trade are on the verge of starvation; and

• (c) if so, what action Government proposes to take to help such Kashmiri people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH); (a) Yes, Sir.

(a) The prevailing conditons in the Kashmir Valley have affected almost all segments of the society. However, no cases of starvation in the Valley have been brought to the notice of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

पामोलिन की आपूर्ति में कमी

243 **श्रीमती सूर्यकांता पाटील :**
कुमारी चन्द्रिका प्रेमजी केनिया:

क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति** मंत्री यह बत ने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच हैं कि सुपर बाजर के कर्मच रियों द्वारा हड़त ल किए जाने के कारण पामोलिन तेल, जो गरीब एवं मध्यम वर्ग के लोगों के लिए एक आव - श्यक खाद्य पदार्थ है, का वितरण दिल्ली में लगभग बन्द कर दिया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस तेल का वितरण फिर से शुरू करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यव ही की गई है ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सरवर हुसैन) : (क) और (ख) जी नहीं । दिल्ली में पामोलीन के वितरण में कोई अव्यवस्था नहीं हुई है । दिल्ली प्रशासन ने पामोलीन तेल की बिक्री की व्यवस्था उचित दर दुकानों, दिल्ली राज्य नागरिक आपूर्ति निगम के बिक्री केन्द्रों, केन्द्रीय भण्डार, दिल्ली फल और सब्जी उपभोक्ता सहकारी संघ लिमिटेड और दिल्ली उपभोक्ता सहकारी थोक भण्डार लि. आदि के माध्यम से की है । अब सुपर बाजार ने अपने सभी बिक्री केन्द्रों से पामोलीन की बिक्री करना शुरू कर दिया है ।

Opening of New F.C.I. Godowns in Tamil Nadu

244. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(b) whether Government propose to open new F.C.I, godowns in Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of existing godowns where capacity is proposed to be expanded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) Food Corporation of India has plans to construct additional capacity for the storage of fbodgrains in Tamil Nadu but a firm view in this regard is proposed to be taken after the 8th Five Year Plan is finalised.

Reinstatement of victimised railway employees

245. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the previous Government had ordered re instatement of the railway employees •removed or dismissed under Rule 14(11) of the Railway Servants Disci pline and Appeal Rules;

(a) if so, what further action has been taken on its implementation; and

(b) what is the total number of employees removed/dismissed under such rules- Zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARANDAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question of implementation does not arise. However, the entire matter is under consideration.

(c) A Statement is attached.